

South Korea

In 2012-2013, 3,042 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit in South Korea.

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Education System Overview

Academic year: March 1, 2013 – February 28, 2014

Major school holidays/break: Summer Vacation: mid-July (High school), mid-June (universities) – February 28

Major exam period:

- Spring Finals: Early July (High school) and mid-June (universities)
- Fall Midterms: Late October (High school) and mid-October (universities)
- Fall Finals: Mid-December (high school) and early December (universities)

Structure of the university system:

- **Years of study required to earn a bachelor's degree:** 4 years
- **The language of instruction in universities:** Korean
- **Years of required English instruction in universities:** Each university set a certain amount of credits students should take for English such as 4 credits or 6 credits
- **Degrees offered:** Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate

Resources

- Ministry of Education
Website: <http://english.moe.go.kr/enMain.do>
- National Institute for International Education (NIIED)
Website: <http://www.niied.go.kr/eng/index.do>
- Korean Educational Development Institute
Website: <http://eng.kedi.re.kr>



- Academic Credit Bank System
Website: https://www.cb.or.kr/creditbank/info/info7_1.do
Telephone: 82-2-2670-1800
- Korea for Curriculum and Evaluation

U.S. Government-Sponsored Study and Exchange Programs

Fulbright-Hays Program

American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)

Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

Critical Language Scholarship Program

Gilman International Scholarship Program